

REMARKS

It is apparent from the Request for Withdrawal of the Finality of the Office Action of July 14, 2008 filed August 7, 2008, that there has been some confusion between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding the prosecution of this case.

In any event, it is believed that this Reply fully responds to all of the outstanding rejections in this case, particularly the rejection of claims 29, 33-37, 40 and 42-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for being anticipated by Wass (WO 01/10876 and US 6,800,702) as set forth in the Office Action of May 2, 2008, and repeated in the above Office Action. The withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under § 112, second paragraph is appreciated.

Regarding the § 102(b) rejection over Wass, claim 29 now includes the subject matter of claim 39, and claims 38 and 39 have been cancelled. As a result, conforming amendments have also been made to claims 41-42 and 45.

Since claim 39 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, it is believed that rejected claim 29 and claims 33-37, 40 and 42-45 dependent therefore are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, it is believed claims 1-25, 28, 29, 33-37 and 40-45 are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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